

To several counts of the *Whig's* indictment the *Dispatch* (as a journal) must plead "Guilty." But to those several counts the *Whig* (as a journal) must enter the same plea. It was the *Whig*, not the *Dispatch*, that nominated (and advocated the election of) HORACE GREELY to the United States Senate in 1869. The *Whig* also advocated his election to the presidency in 1872. It was the editor of the *Whig* (N. B. MEADE, Esq.) that presided over the State Executive Committee of the Conservative-Republican party in 1876, and, by sending out from Richmond the tickets on which were printed the words "For the Amendments," secured the ratification of the amendment restricting suffrage to tax-payers—an amendment against which the editor of the *Dispatch* voted, and against the ratification of which the Funder city of Richmond gave a majority of over four hundred. If the *Whig* did not join with Hon. R. T. DANIEL in 1869 in congratulating GRANT upon the success of his policy, as we have no doubt it did, it failed to participate in one of the best jokes ever originated by a shrewd politician. The *Whig* "acquiesced in pledging the Conservative party of Virginia to the support of GRANT's administration" in the same sense in which the *Dispatch* did. In a word, the *Whig* is chargeable with all the sins, if sins they are, we have enumerated, yet has the face to charge them against us.

As to the charges that the *Dispatch* has been "for and against the free schools," and "for and against a protective tariff," they are not true. The *Dispatch* has from the beginning been an earnest advocate of the public-school system. The *Whig* cannot quote a single word from our columns to sustain that charge, nor the charge that the *Dispatch* has been for and against a protective tariff.

Finally, we do not attach much importance to what is called "consistency." If we did, we could certainly make out a much more inconsistent record for the *Whig*, or its editor, than he could make out for the *Dispatch*, or its editor. But as he says that he was for the same principles and measures in 1880 when he supported HANCOCK which he is for now in supporting ARTHUR, it would surely be a waste of time to undertake to prove to him that any lines of policy are inconsistent with each other.

Well, of course, and you say so, it's all right, and we shall have a jolly time at the primary rolling up the six thousand votes which we can and ought to poll; but let us understand once for all that we are all "Citizens" and all "Conservatives," and there must be no invidious distinctions made between "Conservative citizens" and citizens who are true-blue Conservative-Democrats.—State.

If the State alludes to anything we have said, we can assure it that we heartily endorse its claim that we are all citizens and all Conservatives; and also its warning that there must be no invidious distinctions made between Conservative citizens and citizens who are true-blue Conservative-Democrats. We desire to have six thousand votes cast in the primary election; and if that number shall be cast there will be few left at home who are good Democrats, let them classify themselves as they may. We know no difference between "Conservatives" and "Democrats," not between "Conservatives" and "Conservative-Democrats."

And so General MAHONE went to New York in 1881, and got five thousand dollars from the men composing the American Bank-Note Company with which to pay the capitation-taxes due by the negroes and others of his supporters! And Mr. S. BROWN ALLEN, who was put into Mr. MASSEY's place, is the man who thought that the said company ought to have a contract as a return for their liberality. No doubt General MAHONE thought so too. If the Legislature should be convened in extra session next winter, this matter will no doubt be thoroughly ventilated, provided, of course, that the courts do not get at its "true inwardness."

Well done! The United States Senate on Tuesday voted unanimously to appropriate five millions to the improvement of the Mississippi river, and one million to the improvement of the Missouri river, which latter is the real upper end of the Mississippi.

In the House of Representatives on Monday, on the motion to strike out the section of the Washington police bill allowing others than Federal soldiers or sailors to be policemen in that city, Mr. FULMERSON voted with the Democrats. Mr. PAUL did not vote.

The Washington Post has faith that Mr. CAMERON, and not General MAHONE, will be the Governor of Virginia when the question of calling another extra session of the General Assembly shall come up.

The Popular Science Monthly for May contains: Methods and Profit of Tree-Planting; Professor Goldwin Smith as a Critic; Monkeys; The Development of Senses; The Stereoscope; A Reply to Miss Hardaker on the Woman Question; The Genesis of Odors; Color-Blindness and Color-Perception; Stallo's "Concepts of Modern Physics"; The Tree that Bears Quinine; Sketch of Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M. P.; Entertaining Varieties.

The articles are almost all of them interesting, and some of them valuable.

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SOUTHERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY PAPERS for April has been received, and shows that the Society has no lack of fresh and interesting material with which to make this magazine invaluable to all who desire to see vindicated the name and fame of the Confederacy.

Mahone's "Liberalism"—A Label on Southern Politics and a Fraud.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Fifty do you ask that the Richmond *Whig*, leaving glittering generalities, shall "set forth Mr. Arthur's claims to the gratitude and support of the Virginia people." To examine the pretenses of "liberalism" by Mahone and his followers is but to repeat the stupendous lie of conversation on the subject of public affairs. Senator Mahone has recently seen occasion to address the most stalwart Governor of the most stalwart State of the Union. His native State, and of her bounty educated him, and heaped upon him unmerited honors, is dishonored by his utterances, and no one better knows this than her degenerate son. One of Virginia's senators, with all the sanction which such a position gives, he says: "We are rapidly guaranteeing a 'priceless ballot'"; he speaks of the "advanced thought that places Virginia in full alignment with the highest American civilization." He does not mean to insinuate that his people have failed to give the ballot; that therefore Virginia has not been in full alignment with the most "advanced (political) thought" and the "highest American civilization"? Right proudly have the loyal sons of our Old Mother boasted that they may rightly apply to her, too, the proud eulogy of Massachusetts by Webster—that "her past at least is secure." In view of this degrading attempt to bedim her history, Virginia may well say of her Senator, in the language of King Lear: "A serpent's tooth it is to have a disloyal child!"

This Virginia Senator speaks of the "brief period which has followed her formal declaration that her territory is cordially open to all grades of honest industry"; that she has been below "the highest American civilization"; that she has not been "cordially open to all grades of honest industry"; and that her population has been "fettered by the deluding influence of the 'priceless ballot'." Does the "priceless ballot" date from the beginning of the senatorship of Mahone?

Following Mahone, Mr. Fowler, in his Bristol paper, formally announces his intention to support the administration of Arthur, and the *Whig* follows. The *Whig* is the organ of its party, and the other Speaker of the House of Delegates. It is presumable that these utterances are intended as authoritatively as possible to forecast the support of Arthur's administration by Mahone's followers. Fast following all these, it is announced that the "priceless ballot" date from the confirmation of the notorious William E. Chandler as Secretary of the Navy. And what has this much-vaunted "liberalism" of Mahone accomplished in Virginia, and what is it attempting to do? Virginia five years ago was much divided in opinion as to the settlement of her debt. At that time this prophet of a new era asked that party which he claims to have formed, and now slanders, to make him its nominee for Governor. He failed to do so. He failed to do so because of his devotion to his professed principles, he succeeded in nominating the most pronounced delayer of the list as Democratic candidate for Governor.

Succeeding events quickly demonstrated the faith of the people of Virginia for a new settlement of her debt, and gave that portion of the Democratic party to which he was attached possession of the Legislature. The next year the presidential election occurring, he exhibited the anomaly of politics, before he was elected in this county, he had elected to support the same candidate. In vain did the majority beg for a coalition ticket. Without effect they offered to allow him to name more than one half of the number. They protested that he did not mean to support the ticket. He failed to do so by electing to support the ticket. He failed to do so because of his devotion to his professed principles, he succeeded in nominating the most pronounced delayer of the list as Democratic candidate for Governor.

What change has taken place in the State Democracy of Virginia, that we are to abandon the word "liberalism" and to use the word "conservative" in its place? What political action has it hitherto taken that he has opposed by voice, or pen?

What has Arthur done that the opposition of this man should be changed into support of his Administration?

The *Whig* of April 18th attempts to answer the latter question. If a Virginia could have been a member of Arthur's Cabinet, in point of fact there is no southern man in the Cabinet today, and it is but an example of the light in which the people of half the States of the Union regard him, that he is deemed fit to represent their views and wants in the National Administration. Southern Republicans have always and justly claimed that great injustice has long been practiced in this regard to the people of half the States of the country. We are to be thankful, too, that President Arthur has been shot-gun policy, as his predecessors had done, but has benignly remitted that duty to Senator Mahone and the Richmond *Whig*, which "bores up serenely" this morning for the purpose.

"Liberalism" rejoices that William E. Chandler—the of 1876 presidential-fraud notoriety—succeeds the only southern man in the Cabinet. May not this happy thought secure "liberalism" the patronage of the Good Samaritan?

The *Whig* undertakes to aver that President Arthur assisted the readjustment of the State debt. We defy the production of a scintilla of evidence to show that Arthur or any member of his Cabinet ever has approved or does approve Mahone's debt settlement; and if he does not, can he truthfully be said to give it friendly assistance? No! The most which can be said is that in spite of Mahone's views on the debt, the President is friendly to his "liberalism."

Very "liberal"—very, very—is he not? This is probably on the line of his great cardinal idea of reducing the honest voters of the people and securing "an honest ballot and a fair count," to so arrange a \$60,000 majority that it will only secure a "priceless ballot" in five. He is to accomplish "the Little Magician." He is to accomplish "the Little Magician." He is to accomplish "the Little Magician."

April 18, 1882.

[For the Dispatch.]

Blair's Rhetoric—New Edition.

The excuse for our astonishing Attorney-General's deliverances that the types are in fault does equal injustice to the types and the officer. As a literary dogberry he is *facile princeps* among the profession. The *Whig* of March 23, 1882, contains his printed argument in Boyd vs. The Commonwealth—a paper of so much excellence and value that the whole editorial space of the *Whig* is surrendered to it; and it is a gem. It would be necessary to quote the whole to do it justice. But such quotations would be a waste of space. Blair and to the public. Take a sample or two: "As to the error," quoth he, "that there is no allegation in the indictment that said Boyd qualified as a judge, by reference to pages 7 and 8 it will be seen that it is *certified as a fact* that said Boyd was one of the judges, &c." Another assignment of error in respect to a flaw "in the indictment" Blair disposes of by saying "a reference to pages 11 and 12 of the record will explicitly refute that assignment of error."

Wishing to show the prosecuting officer, he let off this richness: "It is respectfully submitted to the court that the indictment was artfully (sic) and knowingly drawn, and that on page 7 of the record the offence is charged in *no* (nominum) (in) being unlawful, &c., &c."

When he declares that Boyd's offence, he declares, with a fine contempt for canons of rhetoric, "Boyd violated the law in this—that he had no power to appoint judges upon the non-appearance of the regular appointees until one hour after sunrise had expired."

It is enough to make something else besides "surprise" to read this jargon in a published opinion of an Attorney-General of Virginia. But perhaps the most superb specimen of rhetorical riddling is this paragraph from the same document:

"Be it remembered that this was before the sun had arisen, and before the necessity by him had supervened (it) for the appointment of judges other than those regularly appointed, and to prove the corruption thereof (it) and the corrupt motives of the said appointees, it is only necessary to refer to the fact that it is *proven* in the record that said Boyd admitted he was about to send for Shields."

"Why," adds the illustrious Attorney-General, "why send for Shields at that inopportune and unnecessary hour of the morning?" "Unnecessary" hour? Did the "why" do that?

Oh, unnecessary Attorney-General!

ROBERTSON.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Shame! Shame! The whole Commonwealth is ailing with the cure. Virginia's senator has flagrantly abandoned his duties in Washington and established his headquarters at Richmond with the avowed purpose of driving the representatives of the people to do his bidding. Towards the accomplishment of his aim, he has used the money of his constituents to do so. He has employed the editorial of the *National Republican*; Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania; and Mr. Jay Hubbell, of Michigan. These stalwart Republicans have been selected because of their well-known proclivities in the art of political manipulation. The Republicans of Pennsylvania are in open revolt against the dictation and bossism of the Camerons, and yet one of them has been invited to Virginia to fasten upon us the infamous ring rule against which his own people are loudly protesting. Mr. Jay Hubbell, of Michigan, chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, is in Richmond to reinforce the efforts of our senator. He, too, has abandoned his representative duties and remains in our capital, using the appliances of his skill to influence the votes of the representatives of the people of Virginia. These things have been published far and wide, and it is a wonder that a brave people do not rise in revolt against these attempts at dictation. The air is filled with rumors that the disloyal influence of the senator is being brought to bear to persuade certain gentlemen to become the subservient and obedient tools of the ringmaster. It is certain that Mahone has left his place in the Senate with the avowed purpose to force his partisan legislation against the convetted members of the Senate of Virginia fairly and emphatically expressed. It is certain that he has summoned to his aid the most accomplished manipulators in the country, who do not scruple at the means they employ to reach their ends. What does it all mean? A Virginia State that no longer respects the rights of its citizens? A Virginia State that no longer respects the rights of its citizens?

April 17, 1882.

Queer Capers of a Mule.

PERFORMING FEATS IN THE NIGHT THAT WERE ATTRIBUTED TO SUPERNATURAL POWERS.

On Saturday night the members of the Carpenter family heard a ghost performing all sorts of capers in the old vacant house which adjoins their tenement, in the rear of John Finney's saw-yard, on the north-east corner of Washington avenue and Poseyward road. The ghostly visitor was first heard clattering around in the lower rooms, shaking the entire building with his ponderous footsteps. Then came a strange sound discovered to be the clattering of a mule's hoofs on the upper part of the haunted dwelling. Finally one daring man ventured for volunteers to explore the house, suggesting as a precautionary measure the advisability of procuring lanterns before entering. A band of courageous men responded to the call, and a lantern was hatched from a nook and cranny in the front door of the house was locked and barred, and while the explorers were talking about breaking it in Mr. Carpenter started the back door was wide open, but that it could only be reached by going through the strange sound discovered to be the clattering of a mule's hoofs on the upper part of the haunted dwelling. The mule belonged in the coal-yard, and the entire family left the house and aroused the neighbors, to whom they told their hair-raising story, and it was in some degree substantiated by the strange sound discovered to be the clattering of a mule's hoofs on the upper part of the haunted dwelling. 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